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HomoSpirituality

As we all know by now (I hope) the term homosexual is used to describe members of the same sex who enjoy having sex with one another. Any sort of love or spirituality has been confined to heterosexual relationships--homosexuality is and linked with the devil, while heterosexuality is considered in harmony with the 'divine plan' and will bring man closer to God, if not within the gates of heaven itself. This sort of rationality has not only caused relentless abuse (and more often hate) from straight society, but has also pitted the homosexual against himself and against his brothers and sisters.

Until recently, homosexual feelings were either suppressed or at least performed in secret. Society (i.e. the church) instructs us that one of the causes of God's displeasure with Sodom and Gomorrah was the homosexual activities enjoyed by the citizens of those cities. Therefore, if the Christianized Western Civilization is to prevent itself from having a similar fate, homosexuality must be suppressed--and at all costs. No wonder then that critics of homosexuality find homosexuals having lots of sex but little love. It's

not that homosexuals cannot love, it's just that we are not allowed to. The morality of our social structure prevents us from loving ourselves--a major prerequisite for loving someone else.

Another fallacy with the traditional heterosexual rhetoric concerning the relationships of the sexes, involves the ridiculous idea that a man's love for a woman is spiritually superior to a man's love for a man, or a woman's



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"So, naturally we proclaim Christ." This was the injunction Paul gives in Colossians. But for centuries some Christians have claimed that homosexuals need not consider the message of love to be addressed to us. But the Christ I know says he gave himself up for me because he loved me. I need to love God and love my neighbor as well. And as I do so I may consider my full kinship in the family of man.

The institutional church has let many peoples down, not homosexuals alone, and many of these people confuse the failure of the institution with what they see as the failure of God. Metropolitan Community Church was founded some three years ago to help reconcile some of these people, especially homo-

sexuals. Those of us who are in MCC as members, and in the case of some non-christians



as friends, came in response to ALL to share in its life and worship to whatever degree such participation is appropriate.

The public worship tries to speak to and for people from every possible background. We may do things you don't like, but we do so many different things we can only hope we do some-

thing you do like. Except that MCC sees the communion as the central service of the church, there are few formal rules and we are completely responsive to the needs of the local congregation.

If you are Gay and have felt separated from church or the opportunity to participate in the common experience, you belong in this church. If you are a Christian you belong as a member. If you are not, or do not wish to leave previous affiliations, you belong as a friend. In any event our program is for you. Sunday services are held each Sunday at 5:00 p.m. and rap session each Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at 231½ L Street. Phone 442-0503 for information.

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for a woman. A lot of this stems from the deification of the Virgin Mother Mary and the poetic works of Petrarch. The sad result is that men find it easy to have sex with

some men find it easy to have sex with other men, but find it difficult to cope with the reality that they could love another man.

Some people might argue that this is 1971 and the moral standards I am talking about have little or no relevance in this enlightened era. This of course is not true. Just the other day a psychologist speaking on the six o'clock TV news show said "Homosexuality between two consenting adults over 18 is OK, as long as they don't do it in public." Gay Liberation is here because we

feel homosexuals are human beings with just as much right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as anyone else. We have to be homosexuals and we have to be homosexuals in public. I am not arguing for sex in public places--this is a situation forced upon us by straight society. In fact I am arguing against it. What I am arguing for is the freedom to express our love by kissing, holding hands, etc., etc., in public. Human beings need love much more than they need sex. Sex, after all, is just a bodily function--love is a function of the soul. And homosexuals do have souls. If the Pope does not know this, he ought to be told.



COFFEE HOUSE MOVES

THE GAY ALTERNATIVE COFFEEHOUSE is moving. Beginning Friday, April 16, the coffeehouse will be at its new location --

1516 29th ST.

We will still have the familiar blue-lighted sign which will be located on the front porch of the coffeehouse. Entrance is from the front door. There will be much more space at the new address so we wont be as cramped as we were at times in the old coffeehouse. Everyone is welcome. coffeehouse is another bar. just the opposite. The can talk to new friends, radio or record. drink coffee or hol or dope is premises. The also have a reading room. Gay literature and there is no age limit. bars. If you have trouble finding the coffeehouse, it is located next to the Texaco station on the corner of 29th and P Sts. The phone number is 451-5745. Hours are Fridays and Saturdays, 8-12; Sundays 4-8pm. All are welcome--come and enjoy.



GAY APATHY

Listen, Gay brothers and sisters: What's that? You don't hear anything? Oh yes you do--that's the sound of apathy--part of our cultural heritage, just like environment pollution, exploitation of human labor and the persecution of homosexuals.

It's cultural trait, fostered so that the police and the government can get on with their business without the ignorant public interfering and so that the ignorant public is never bothered with excess social change.

Apathy has killed more social movements than any other disease; and guess what?

It is happening here. Oh? You hadn't noticed? Perhaps it is because the Gay Voice hasn't been publishing, or the gay-in that was planned for this spring hasn't been planned. A pity someone isn't doing that.

I was just saying to John, about two months ago, that I really had to write an article for The Voice--he was planning to start to begin writing the editorial--but then some things came up, and what with talking with friends, and not going to school, and listening to music, I haven't got around to it until now. So many of the people I've talked to about how little is happening are in the same bind.

Well, I'm going to try to overcome my own indifference. It really is time to shut that closet door behind us--and not worry if we make a little noise doing it.

--edgar

FOR WOMEN ONLY

Recently, I attended a Gay Liberation meeting. Upon entering, I found that the woman I was with and me were the only women at the meeting. I then inquired as to when, if ever, the other women would arrive. I was very disappointed to hear that few Gay women attended the meetings--frequently none at all.

Since that meeting, there has been much more interest in the Gay liberation movement on the part of the Gay women, but this is still not enough.

Most of the Gay women of Sacto. are all "Uncle Tommies" and would rather hang around the Ghetto Gay bars than committing themselves to an organization that would be of great assistance to their own liberation and that of the entire Gay community as a whole.

Trying to find a solution to this apathy among Gay women, I visited the local Gay women's bar. The place was very crowded. I tried to talk to some of them about Gay Liberation but met with useless excuses. As I suspected, they were "UNCLE TOMMIES" and were actually afraid to join Gay Lib or attend the meetings. Some were even afraid to attend any of the Gay Lib functions or to show their faces at the coffeehouse, yet they were frequently at the bars. Gay sisters, I can only express my shame and disgust in your fear and ignorance.

I realize that, in being women, we have a difficult enough time in the employment field and being Gay women we have a second threat hanging over us-- the threat of being discovered. But Gay women who use this as an excuse for not joining Gay lib. or attending the meetings are first-class hypocrites! The threat must not weigh too heavily on you because you know as well as I that if any one wanted to know who IS Gay and who ISN'T Gay he would simply go to one of the local ghetto bars and see you, the ignorant and oppressed, singing happily in your society-made "cotton field."

Gay women wake up! Gay Lib. does not force you to be open and blatant; you do not have to wear a button stating that you are Gay, though once you get together with other people--men and women-- who are proud to be gay and are working to free themselves from the ignorant degradations of the straight society of the past, you may want to wear one. There is no excuse for complaining about the oppression of the Homosexual because you can do something to help change this oppression. There are also Gay women's rap sessions-- ask for info at the coffeehouse. Gay Lib wants you. Gay lib needs your help. Only by working together can we hope to free ourselves and our Gay brothers and sisters from the oppression of straight society and from the Gay Ghetto Bars. Come to the next meeting.

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i am a female: a straight shooter

the dic(K)tionary defines
female:

4. @ having a pistil and
no stamens

i know that this is digging for
specifics
butt under
this
definit ion i am a female
for i too
have
pistol and no statements
you will learn your death on your
own

i have no
clues to give
except maybe the renvege look
upon my face
i am a female
and am to be considered dangerous

charles p. thorp
(bold soul sister)

The Sacramento State College Cultural Programs Committee is
Presenting

The Gay Scene

(A Symposium on Homosexuality
During the Week of April 19)

Symposium Coordinator: Martin Rogers, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Psychology

Monday, 19 April, 10 a.m. - Noon Little Theatre
HOMOSEXUALITY: DISEASE OR DIVERSION

Speakers: Harry Aron, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology
Joel Fort, M.D., Mental Health Consultant

Coordinator: Martin Rogers

Monday, 19 April, 8 p.m. Music Recital Hall
AS YOU NEVER SEE US IN THE MOVIES

Dance Recital: Patty Wallace and Dana Rake
Alan Weddle and Anthony Rebora

Folksongs: Don Burton

Coordinator: Sandra Smith

Tuesday, 20 April, 11:45 - 12:45 p.m. Anthropology 156
GAY WOMEN'S RAP SESSION

Coordinator: Phyllis Lyon, The Council on Religion and the Homosexual

Tuesday, 20 April, 12:45 - 1:45 p.m. Music 151
THE GAY LIBERATION MOVEMENT

Speakers: Sally Gearhart, Gay Women's Liberation
Del Martin, Daughters of Bilitis
David Kleinberg, Homosexual Action Forum
Gary Titus, Homosexual Action Forum

Coordinator: Phyllis Lyon, The Council on Religion and the Homosexual

Tuesday, 20 April, 2 - 4 p.m. TT-1 and TT-2
GAY-STRAIGHT CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING GROUPS

Following THE GAY LIBERATION MOVEMENT panel, small groups will
form facilitated by the panelists to explore stereotypes and realities.

Wednesday, 21 April, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Little Theatre
THE LAW AND THE HOMOSEXUAL

Speakers: Willie Brown, Jr., California Assemblyman
Richards Phillips, Undersheriff, Sacramento County
John Price, District Attorney, Sacramento County
John Poswall, Attorney-at-Law

Coordinator: Jack Livingston, Ph.D., Professor of Government

Wednesday, 21 April, 2 - 3 p.m. Physics 111
CITY OF NIGHT: A SEARCH FOR IDENTITY

Speaker: John Rechy, Author of *City of Night* and *Numbers*
Coordinator: Charles Moore, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of English

Thursday, 22 April, 1 - 2 p.m. Music 151

A CHURCH TO SERVE HOMOSEXUALS: A NECESSARY HERESY

Speaker: Reverend Troy Perry, Founder and Pastor, Metropolitan
Community Church

Coordinator: James Straukamp, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of History

Thursday, 22 April, 2:35 p.m. Physics 111

FILM: THE VICTIM

Coordinator: Charles Gregory, Ph.D., Associated Professor of English

Friday, 23 April Men's Gym CONVOCATION THESE STATES

Speaker: Allen Ginsberg, Poet

Coordinator: George Smoot, M.A., Lecturer in English

GAY SYM- POS- JUM



poem for jack

orange moon/shimmers
on a window wet with
autumn rain/we lay/
still/in a dark room/
watching summer/fall/
into winter.

--john



Getting It Together

All this is perfection. Can you see your perfect self? Can you see the world running, arms waving, stumbling blindly? Here we stand knee-high to nature and its flow. Waving arms: blind? Shouting words: deaf? Can you reach out softly and feel nature easing with the flow, feel that dream we all want to see and hear? Look at us all; waving our arms, together. Listen to us all; singing together. Listen to us all; smiling together. All in time with nature. In tune with the universe. See and hear this. Stop and look at progress here on the planet. Plastic and polished steel are crowding the children off the beaches. Remember the foam and shells, smiling back at the afternoon.

--chuck

A QUEER SORT OF FUZZ

Like some other letter writers to The Playboy Forum, I, too, was approached in a public rest room by a vice-squad cop (just shortly before being sent to Viet Nam). It was unfortunate for the cop, because he had guessed wrong; I am heterosexual. Also, I had just completed a course in judo and karate and my reflexes were extremely quick. As a result, he landed on his behind at the opposite end of the room. At first, he was angry as hell, flashed his badge and threatened me with arrest for assault; but it gradually got through to his fuzzy brain that I was not homosexual and could therefore not be intimidated. Since he made the initial move (grabbing for my genitals), I acted solely in self-defense. He unhappily allowed me to go on my way; but I think he is one cop who will be more careful in the future to observe correct legal procedures in dealing with suspected homosexuals and will not attempt such crude forms of entrapment again.

(Name withheld by request)

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A HELL'S ANGEL'S LOVE FOR ALLEN GINSBERG

"For it was at Ken Kesey's pad that I first saw the long hair that hung with a full beard on Allen Ginsberg. And for the first time I quickly remembered a word I had heard once -- Bohemian. There he sat upon the rug in the middle of the living room floor. I did not know what his name was. But I was on LSD for the first time and there for the first time. As I walked through the door and saw him sitting on the floor -- legs crossed -- I felt what i would now term deep love for this man with these little bells. He made everything sparkle. He was chiming tiny finger bells that made everything glitter and sparkle in the dusty-like beauty of all the color in everything. His eyes were real. His voice chanted a Buddhist -- I am told, I did not know what it was at the time -- chant. But I felt wanted without him raising his head and looking towards me . . . The same night, outside the house, I heard someone say, "Allen Ginsberg is a fruit . . ." Sending vibrations meaning stone homosexual, as if he were trying to warn all to stay away from this man. I was so shocked by the deprived-sounding man who said this that I wanted to go immediately and love Allen sexually, to show how great and real it is to be. How could a mind forever go on thinking that? I know that squeaking voice will someday see a light. How could he be forever deprived of natural realness?"

(FREEWHEELIN' FRANK, Frank Reynolds as told to Michael McClure)



Leftovers?



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—or—
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The GAY VOICE is published irregularly by various members of Sacramento Gay Liberation and serves the Gay community of Sacramento. Contributions are welcome. Articles, poetry, and other information are also welcome. Send to:

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Rap: Tues. & Thurs., 7:30pm

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Elsewhere in this issue you may have seen the advertisement for the CLOSET EXPLOSION, Sacto's first Gay-sponsored dance, which will be held on the Delta King on the Sacramento River. The CRABS will provide live music along with another band. There will be tickets available at the door-- advance tickets now are on sale (call:451-5745) at the coffeehouse. Gays and Straights are welcome.

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Write the Voice about placing ads.
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Women's liberation.....	
Outlaw.....	451-6222
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KZAP.....	444-2806



And when the truth is said,
The truth does hurt.
So misleading were your words;
When love was felt, and then love
left,
Then, only crying was heard.

There was a joy so deep,
And such laughter filled the air.
But when my arms stretched out to
reach for you,
They found that you weren't there.

So uncool was the day,
And then the night,
When you touched my soul with your
lies.

--kathy

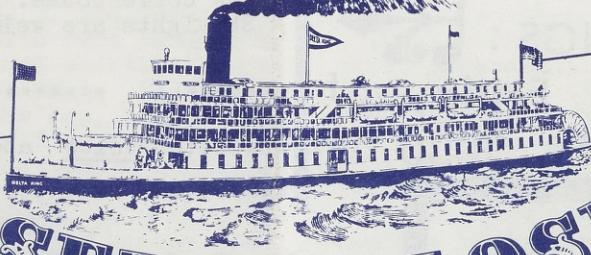
can't recall what you just read
better stop and read it all over
better sit down, these words will
come soft and slowly
and it feels so good to read
words like
real love
I promise it only happens
once in the story
remember that real love?
well here it is again
and I want to start all over
you know
it's the end
that makes me want you to
please begin again

--chuck



CLOSET EXPLOSION!

Fri.



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